Seminar on child servitude

461. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar on Child Servitude was held in New Delhi during the First week of July, 1989;

(b) if so, the names of the personnel who participated in the Seminar;

(c) the nature of discussions held; and

(d) the decisions arrived at ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN MALAVIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Seminar was organised by the Bonded Labour Liberation Front.

(b) Statement I is attached. (*See* below).

(c) The Seminar discussed the problems of child labour in various countries of South Asia, namely, in Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India.

(d) Statement-II is attached.

Statement-I

List of participants

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1. Mr. Subash Nimbalkar
2. Mr. Nimbalkar Hiralal
3. Mr. G. A. Gaikawad
4. Mr. Jahvare Hirachand
5. Mr. Ranvir Shinde
6. Smt. Champa Devi Srivastava
7. Mr. Bepin Behari Verma
8. Mr. Mahendra Narain Pandey
9. Mr. Maqbool Ahmad Khan
10. Mr. Manoharam, P.
11. Mr. Andal Damodaran
12. Mr. Rajendra K. Sail
13. Ms. Jai Digwachan Pradhan
14. Fr. George Kollashany
15. Mr. Joe Paul
16. Ms. Roopa Reddy
17. Ms. Sheela Barse
18. Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer
19. Mr. Hari Kumar
20. Mr. B. K. Deepak
21. Mr. D. K. Gupta
22. Mr. Ramesh Gupta
23. Ms. Vijayalakshmi Balakrishnan
24. Mr. Anoop Painuli
25. Mr. Tavleen Singh
26. Mr. O. P. Pandey
27. Mr. Krishan Kant Vats
28. Mr. P. Raj Gopal
29. Ms. Basudha Dhaganwar
30. Ms. Rita Panicker
31. Mr. Jose Varghese
32. Mr. Manjari Dingwani
33. Justice P. N. Bhagawati
34. Ms. Asha Ramesh
35. Swami Agnivesh
36. Mr. Kailash Satyarthi
37. Prof. Sheotaj Singh
38. Mr. Ramesh Arya
39. Mr. V. N. Mani
40. Mr. Naresh Jain
41. Mr. Gopal Singh Rawat
42. Mr. Yogesh Rawat
43. Mr. Anand Mehra
44. Mr. P. K. Pant
45. Mr. K. S. Ramesh

PAKISTAN

46. Mr. Ehsan Ullah Khan
47. Mr. Rashed Rahman
48. Ulla Asberg
49. Karin Sandgen

THAILAND

50. Ms. Suvajee Chanthanom

BANGLADESH

51. Ms. Rosaline Costa
52. Ms. Vahida Rahman

NEPAL

53. Mr. Gauri Pradhan
54. Mr. Prakash Ras Kaphlay

SRI LANKA

55. Fr. Dudley Attanayake

FRANCE

56. Mr. Bonnet Michel

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57. Mr. Peter Loes.

Statement-II

The following decisions were taken at the Seminar:—

1. To give top priority to the children in servitude, and to make fresh attempts to co-ordinate the efforts of the NGOs in South Asia, in this field.

2. To put emphasis on the liberation of child bonded labourers.

3. Every year, September 18, will be observed as A Day FOR CHILDREN IN SERVITUDE, to create consciousness and increase awareness in the public. Governments will be asked to enact relevant legal provisions to protect the right of child and abolish child servitude and for their implementations in the countries of SOUTH ASIA.

4. Exchange of ideas and experiences of actions will be promoted among countries with the objective to strengthen specially the hands of those activists and action groups who face organised opposition to their responses to the cruel conditions of children.

5. An Annual Get together of a COALITION of individuals and organisations, devoted to the liberation of children in servitude, will be convened to share fresh information, evaluate the involvement and chalk out future strategies and programmes.

6. A Specific case of children in servitude will be taken up to the Supreme Court in a country where it is possible to test the modalities of legal provisions. An accurate documentation and evaluation of such a Test Case will be done and findings shared amongst the member countries for model actions.

7. A Conference of Jurists and Activists in SOUTH ASIA will be convened to discuss the Constitutional provisions, the legislations and procedures in the region for the identification, release and rehabilitation of the children in servitude.

8. The Seminar calls upon all organisations to conduct investigations into the scale of problem of children in servitude in their surroundings.

9. A Delhi Declaration on the Charter for Children in Chains was prepared during the Seminar for study and action by all those concerned with inhumane conditions of children and creating a new future for them.

10. A Plan of action for future will be drawn up by each and every country in the Coalition, which will put emphasis on organisation of people for power. All

children of South Asian countries should be provided with equal, free and compulsory education. The entire responsibility for their food, accommodation, and living expenses should be that of the governments of these countries.

11. The Seminar calls upon all Governments in South Asia to ratify the ILO conventions on child labour and the UN Charter on the Rights of Child.

Supply of essential commodities to states

462. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand made by different State Governments for different kinds of foodgrains from Central pool during 1989-90 and the month-wise allocation made to those States;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have not been supplied different kinds of foodgrains according to their demand; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by Government to increase the allocation of foodgrains to different States in 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A Statement showing month-wise demand and allocation of rice and wheat to various States/UTs for PDS during 1989-90 (upto July) is attached. [*See* Appendix CLI Annexure No. 35].

(b) and (c) The allocations of foodgrains for PDS from the Central Pool, which are only supplemental in nature, are made on a month to month basis taking into account the stocks in the Central Pool, market availability, off-take trend, relative needs of States/UTs and other related factors.

Families displaced due to Paradeep fertilizers plant

463. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of families displaced due to the establishment of a fertilizer plant at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) the compensation given to the affected families;

(c) whether any step has been taken by the plant authorities to provide employment to the children of the affected families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILISERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of aluminium by NALCO

464. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of Aluminium being produced by NALCO per annum;

(b) the quantum of Aluminium exported every year;

(c) whether Government are making any efforts to increase the production and export of Aluminium;

(d) if so, the target set therefore during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the projection made for the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF